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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

## Note by the Secretary-General

1. The seventh session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 26 September to 14 October 1994. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 26 September, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the seventh session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its seventh session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 25 to 29 April 1994.

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## Provisional agenda

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## Annotations

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

### Item 2. Organizational and other matters

2. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

### Item 3. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

3. Initial reports under article 44 were due in 1992 from 57 States parties as listed in document CRC/C/3. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the 33 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 but which had not been received as at 7 June 1994 are listed below:

| State party | Date on which initial report was due |
|---|---|
| Bangladesh | 1 September 1992 |
| Belize | 1 September 1992 |
| Benin | 1 September 1992 |
| Bhutan | 1 September 1992 |
| Ecuador | 1 September 1992 |
| Ghana | 1 September 1992 |
| Guatemala | 1 September 1992 |
| Guinea | 1 September 1992 |
| Kenya | 1 September 1992 |
| Mauritius | 1 September 1992 |
| Mongolia | 1 September 1992 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 1 September 1992 |
| Senegal | 1 September 1992 |
| Sierra Leone | 1 September 1992 |
| Togo | 1 September 1992 |
| Gambia | 6 September 1992 |
| Uganda | 15 September 1992 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 18 September 1992 |
| Seychelles | 6 October 1992 |
| Zimbabwe | 10 October 1992 |

| State party | Date on which initial report was due |
|---|---|
| Venezuela | 12 October 1992 |
| Nepal | 13 October 1992 |
| Mali | 19 October 1992 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 20 October 1992 |
| Portugal | 20 October 1992 |
| Brazil | 23 October 1992 |
| Zaire | 26 October 1992 |
| Malta | 29 October 1992 |
| Chad | 31 October 1992 |
| Barbados | 7 November 1992 |
| Burundi | 17 November 1992 |
| Grenada | 4 December 1992 |
| Uruguay | 19 December 1992 |

4. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent on 3 November 1993, requested those States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 and had not yet been received to submit their reports as soon as possible.

5. The list of 47 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were due in 1993 appears in document CRC/C/8/Rev.3. The 33 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1993 but had not yet been received as at 7 June 1994 are listed below:

| State party | Date on which initial report was due |
|---|---|
| Angola | 3 January 1993 |
| Djibouti | 4 January 1993 |
| Panama | 10 January 1993 |
| Australia | 15 January 1993 |
| Malawi | 31 January 1993 |
| Yugoslavia | 1 February 1993 |
| Guyana | 12 February 1993 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 5 March 1993 |
| Cyprus | 8 March 1993 |
| Maldives | 12 March 1993 |
| Bahamas | 21 March 1993 |
| Dominica | 11 April 1993 |
| Nigeria | 18 May 1993 |
| Yemen | 30 May 1993 |
| Lao People's Dem. Rep. | 6 June 1993 |

| State party | Date on which initial report was due |
|---|---|
| Ethiopia | 12 June 1993 |
| Lebanon | 12 June 1993 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 12 June 1993 |
| Mauritania | 14 June 1993 |
| Slovenia | 24 June 1993 |
| Bulgaria | 2 July 1993 |
| Dominican Rep. | 10 July 1993 |
| Finland | 19 July 1993 |
| The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia | 16 September 1993 |
| Cuba | 19 September 1993 |
| Italy | 4 October 1993 |
| Croatia | 7 October 1993 |
| Israel | 1 November 1993 |
| Hungary | 5 November 1993 |
| Estonia | 19 November 1993 |
| Kuwait | 19 November 1993 |
| Rep. of Korea | 19 December 1993 |
| San Marino | 24 December 1993 |

6. The list of 25 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention are due in 1994 appears in document CRC/C/11/Rev.3. The 14 States parties whose initial reports were due by 23 May 1994 but had not yet been received as at 7 June 1994 are listed below:

| State party | Date on which initial report was due |
|---|---|
| Trinidad and Tobago | 3 January 1994 |
| Zambia | 4 January 1994 |
| Canada | 11 January 1994 |
| Belgium | 14 January 1994 |
| Lithuania | 28 February 1994 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 5 March 1994 |
| Bahrain | 14 March 1994 |
| Albania | 27 March 1994 |
| China | 31 March 1994 |
| Germany | 4 April 1994 |
| Lesotho | 8 April 1994 |
| Thailand | 25 April 1994 |
| Latvia | 13 May 1994 |
| Central African Rep. | 23 May 1994 |

7. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/32), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.1).

Item 4. Consideration of reports of States parties

8. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the seventh session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuesday, 27 Sept. | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Honduras | CRC/C/3/Add.17 |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Wednesday, 28 Sept. | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Indonesia | CRC/C/3/Add.10 and Add.26 |
| Thursday, 29 Sept. | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Madagascar | CRC/C/8/Add.5 |
| Friday, 30 Sept. | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Monday, 3 Oct. | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Paraguay | CRC/C/3/Add.22 |
| Tuesday, 4 Oct. | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | " | " |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Thursday, 6 Oct. | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Spain | CRC/C/8/Add.6 |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Friday, 7 Oct. | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |
| Tuesday, 11 Oct. | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Argentina | CRC/C/8/Add.2 |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Wednesday, 12 Oct. | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |

9. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

10. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the seventh session of the Committee at which their respective reports will be examined and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 5. Review of developments relevant to the work of the Committee

11. Under this item, the Committee will be provided with information on action taken pursuant to recommendations adopted by the Committee at its fifth and sixth sessions.

12. Additionally, the Rapporteur will inform the Committee about developments relevant to its work that have occurred since the preceding session. The Committee will also be briefed about developments relating to other human rights monitoring bodies.

13. The Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) A note by the Secretariat containing relevant information about action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, by the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session, and other activities relevant to the work of the Committee;

(b) General Assembly resolutions 48/136, 48/156 and 48/157;

(c) Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1994/90, 1994/91, 1994/92, 1994/93 and 1994/94.

Item 6. System of documentation and information

14. Under this item, the Committee may wish to continue discussing issues relating to the system of information and documentation relevant to the work of the Committee, including the question of the establishment of a computerized network. The Committee may also wish to pursue the discussion started at the consultative meeting on 9 October 1993, organized in cooperation with UNICEF, and continued during the follow-up consultative meeting on an information and documentation system to support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, held at the Centre for Human rights on 19 January 1994.

Item 7. General discussion on "The role of the family in the promotion of the rights of the child"

15. In accordance with rule 75 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Committee decided, at its fourth session, that at its next session a day of general discussion would be held on 10 October 1994, devoted to the topic of the role of the family in the promotion of the rights of the child, and agreed to invite interested bodies and agencies and individual experts to participate in that general discussion. Invitations were dispatched by the secretariat to relevant organizations and individuals on 25 April 1994.

Item 8. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

16. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion on ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

Item 9. Methods of work of the Committee

17. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including, where necessary, areas identified for technical assistance, and the urgent procedure.

18. The Committee may further wish to discuss the outcome of its informal regional consultation held in Africa in July 1994.

19. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on areas identified by the Committee for technical assistance and advisory services (CRC/C/30).

Item 10. Future meetings of the Committee

20. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 11. Other matters

21. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

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